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? Top Story: Murder investigation after a body is found in a burning van in Prestatyn

North Wales Police have launched a murder investigation after a body was found inside a van that was set alight in Prestatyn, Flintshire. Emergency services were called to Gas Works Lane at about 23:30 BST on Sunday after reports of the van on fire, and a body was discovered inside. The person's identity is not yet known. Det Supt Chris Bell, who is leading the inquiry, said: "Officers are working at pace to identify the person," adding that once identification is confirmed, "specialist trained officers will be assigned to support their family as soon as possible". A police cordon remains in place today, and Det Supt Bell said there is a "visible policing presence in the area" to reassure the local community. Officers have appealed for anyone who was in the Gas Works Lane area of Prestatyn between 22:45 and 23:45 on Sunday, who saw or heard anything unusual, to come forward. (BBC Wales — 08:02 BST / BBC Cymru Fyw)

? Sport

? Elfyn Evans is world rally champion — Wales' first, Britain's first in 25 years

Elfyn Evans has become the first Welsh driver ever to win the World Rally Championship, and the first British winner in a quarter of a century, after a sensational final-stage finish at Rally Italia Sardegna. The 37-year-old from Dinas Mawddwy had taken a 21-point lead over Toyota team-mate Oliver Solberg into the season finale, but saw it cut to a single point as the pair lined up for the last of 17 stages — the 7.10km Sassari–Argentiera Power Stage. Having led for much of the season and finished runner-up five times, Evans appeared set for a sixth second place as the 25-year-old Swede ran 1.9 seconds ahead of his time. Then, with three corners to go, Solberg lost control and veered off into the sand, handing Evans the title. Solberg and co-driver Elliott Edmondson still won the rally by 57.6 seconds, but the mistake settled the championship in favour of Evans, co-driver Scott Martin and the Toyota Gazoo Racing crew. A puncture on the penultimate stage had already wiped out Evans' Super Sunday points. "I was sure it was over. I feel for Oliver — he had an incredible weekend. I don't know what to say," said Evans. He joins Colin McRae (1995) and Richard Burns (2001) as only the third British man to take the crown. (BBC Sport / BBC Cymru Fyw / Nation.Cymru)

?? Wales 0-1 Denmark — Ward error and Højlund penalty leave Wales third

Wales' Nations League campaign lost momentum at Cardiff City Stadium on Sunday night as a Danny Ward error handed Denmark a 1-0 win. The Wrexham goalkeeper gifted the ball to Gustav Isaksen inside his own penalty area and then brought the forward down, with Rasmus Højlund converting the 75th-minute spot-kick. It came after Ward had made two excellent saves to keep Wales level, in a game that was goalless and even until the 73rd-minute turning point. Wales had beaten World Cup quarter-finalists Norway 2-1 on Thursday, but that display clearly took its toll. Head coach Craig Bellamy made only one change from the Norway win (Brennan Johnson for Daniel James) and afterwards attacked the newly elongated international window: "Physically, I completely agree with the ones who don't like it. It makes no sense. Four games at this type of level… I was one of the ones who wasn't [voting for it], because we know it's a complete disadvantage to us." It was Wales' third defeat in four matches inside 10 days; they rise to third in Group A4, ahead of Norway on goal difference after Norway's 2-1 loss to Portugal. (BBC Sport — Bellamy/Sarah Murray / Nation.Cymru / BBC Cymru Fyw) *(Note: this morning's UK roundup said Wales were "still bottom of their group and still without a win under Bellamy" — both wrong. Wales beat Norway 2-1 on Thursday and are now third in A4. The 2-0 scoreline that appeared in early BBC copy refers to Denmark's win in Copenhagen last weekend, not Sunday's game in Cardiff.)*

? Humphries ends barren spell by beating Price in the Grand Prix final

World number two Luke Humphries beat Gerwyn Price 6-4 to win the World Grand Prix in Leicester, ending a 16-month wait for a PDC major. Price, the Welshman chasing a first Grand Prix title, led 3-0 but Humphries won four sets on the spin to seize control; Price levelled

before Humphries broke in the deciding leg of set five and took the last three legs. It is Humphries' second World Grand Prix title, following his 2023 success, and his fourth successive final at the double-in, double-out event. "It's been a torrid 15 or 18 months, losing so many major finals," he told Sky Sports. (BBC Sport)

??? Cardiff Half Marathon — Jepkosgei breaks the course record

About 30,000 runners took part in the 23rd Cardiff Half Marathon on Sunday, which produced a new women's course record and the event's highest-ever number of international registrations. Kenya's Joyciline Jepkosgei — the first athlete in history to run a half marathon under 65 minutes — won in **1:05:40**, taking 12 seconds off Edith Chelimo's course record set in 2017. Fellow Kenyan Gideon Kiprotich won the men's race (59:43, BBC Sport); Poland's Sam Kolek won the men's wheelchair race and Mel Nicholls the women's. More than 5,700 participants from 99 countries registered, and around 10,500 runners were working towards completing the SuperHalfs series. Wales football legend Aaron Ramsey and former Wales rugby prop Adam Jones were among the field on the 13.1-mile route past the Principality Stadium, Cardiff Castle and Cardiff Bay. A new "Ein Dinas" (our city) initiative brought community groups, bands and performers to more than 70 cheering points. (BBC Wales / Nation.Cymru) **One of the runners:** Kelly Ann Booth Williams, from Pen Llŷn, has run the Cardiff Half every year since 2018 — despite insisting she hates running. "I actually don't like running to be honest. But after finishing every race I look for the next one." She took it up after losing her mother to pancreatic cancer in 2015, raising money for Pancreatic Cancer Action UK. (BBC Cymru Fyw)

? Culture, Awards & Media

? Matthew Rhys and Mari Grug lead the Bafta Cymru 2026 winners

Matthew Rhys won Best Actor at the Bafta Cymru Awards on Sunday night for his role in the Netflix thriller *The Beast in Me* — his second Bafta Cymru, 29 years after his first for the Welsh-language film *Bydd yn Wro* (*Be Brave*). The ceremony at ICC Wales in Newport also saw presenter **Mari Grug** take the Presenter award and **Amour a Mynydd**, presented by Elin Fflur, named best Entertainment Programme. **Carol Vorderman** received the Siân Phillips Award for Outstanding Contribution, and casting director **Lauren Evans** the Special Contribution to Craft award. The documentary *Y Crwydryn* and the drama series *The Guest* took two awards each, with Rhys Edwards winning Director Factual for *Y Crwydryn*, and Gabrielle Creevy collecting her second Best Actress award. **Madfabulous** — the film about Henry Paget, fifth Marquess of Anglesey — had led the field with six nominations but went home empty-handed. Rhys became the first person to win two lead acting prizes in one night at the Emmys last month. (BBC Wales / BBC Cymru Fyw — 4

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? Mary Hopkin to receive Wales' music inspiration honour

The world-famous singer Mary Hopkin will be recognised with one of Welsh music's highest honours, the Welsh Music Inspiration Award at Wednesday's Welsh Music Prize ceremony (7 October). Born in Pontardawe, the 76-year-old found global fame with *Those Were The Days*, produced by Paul McCartney in 1968, and began her career as a teenager performing on BBC Cymru's Welsh-language entertainment series *Hob y Deri Dando* in the 1960s. The award recognises figures whose influence has gone beyond chart success to shape culture and inspire future generations. (BBC Cymru Fyw)

? The Revlon Girl returns as Aberfan's 60th anniversary approaches

An award-winning play about women living with the aftermath of the Aberfan disaster opens its tenth-anniversary tour at Pontardawe Arts Centre on 7 October, as Wales prepares to mark 60 years since the tragedy. Written by Welsh playwright Neil Anthony Docking and directed by Maxine Evans, *The Revlon Girl* is set eight months after the 21 October 1966 disaster, which killed 144 people including 116 children. It follows a group of bereaved mothers who secretly arrange for a Revlon representative to give them beauty tips in a back room, exploring friendship, grief, guilt and laughter. The production began in Wales, travelled to the Edinburgh Festival and London's Park Theatre — where it earned an Olivier nomination — and won the Off West End Award for Best New Play. (Nation.Cymru)

? Playwright reimagines a Welsh-language classic for the stage

Nearly 70 years after Islwyn Ffowc Elis's novel *Wythnos yng Nghymru Fydd* imagined Wales in 2033, playwright Mared Llywelyn Williams has adapted it for a national tour. The Morfa Nefyn-born writer's reimagining is staged by theatre company Frân Wen, directed by Gethin Evans and starring Garmon Rhys, Lois Elenid, Siôn Eifion, Morfudd Hughes and Sam Reeves — now touring theatres across Wales. "I don't know whether he'd hate it… but I think at least he'd be glad more people had turned back to the novel," Williams said of Elis, whose other works include *Cysgod y Cryman* and *Yn ôl i Leifior*. It caps a big 2026 for Williams, who also published her first novel, *Suddo*, and appeared in *Parti Priodas* in New York. (BBC Cymru Fyw — Radio Cymru's *Llwyfan*)

? Modern Wisdom's Chris Williamson brings live show to Cardiff

Podcast host Chris Williamson will bring his new live show, *Mostly Wise*, to The Great Hall in Cardiff on Tuesday 20 October as part of a UK tour. Williamson first came to public attention on the first series of *Love Island* in 2015, and has since built *Modern Wisdom* into a long-form interview podcast covering science, psychology, culture and current affairs. (Nation.Cymru)

? Auditions open for Wales' national youth ensembles

National Youth Arts Wales has opened auditions for its three flagship music ensembles — the National Youth Orchestra, Choir and Brass Band — ahead of their 2027 concert seasons. Applications are open to young people aged 16–22 on 31 August 2027 who were born in, live in, or study full-time in Wales; instrumentalists are normally expected to be around Grade 8 standard, though they need not have passed the exam. Orchestra members will rehearse a major symphony under conductor Carlo Rizzi, whose career has taken him to La Scala and The Met. (Nation.Cymru)

?? Politics, BBC & Language

? Language campaigners demand urgent BBC meeting over Welsh-language cuts

Cymdeithas yr Iaith has written to BBC Cymru managers requesting an urgent meeting and calling for a halt to cuts to Welsh-language programmes and jobs. The move follows changes to BBC Radio Cymru's schedule and plans to reduce staffing at BBC Cymru Wales by around 45 posts — part of the wider BBC cuts programme that dominates today's UK papers. The campaign group's chair, **Owain Meirion**, said: "The BBC has broken the trust of the people of Wales. The impact of cutting Welsh-language news and current affairs services will be far greater than cutting English-language services of this kind, because there is an abundance of English-language media available." The group is also challenging changes to the BBC's programming agreement with S4C, after freedom-of-information requests about a deal exchanging television output for greater iPlayer prominence. (Nation.Cymru) *(Welsh-language coverage on Cymru Fyw has also highlighted the Welsh Language Commissioner's "concerns" over the BBC Cymru cuts, and BBC Cymru's own video piece on the duty to serve all audiences.)*

?? Communities, Schools & Money

? Conwy officers recommend closing two rural primary schools despite objections

Officers at Conwy County Council have recommended the closure of Ysgol Betws y Coed and Ysgol Ysbyty Ifan, despite a public consultation showing strong community opposition. The council's cabinet is advancing the plans after a **612-signature petition and 134 online objections** against closing Betws y Coed, plus 24 formal objections over Ysbyty Ifan. Officers concluded no new evidence justified changing course. Estyn has previously said there appeared to be "minimal evidence" the council had sufficiently considered the impact on pupils' learning and wellbeing, though it acknowledged the authority's rationale based on low pupil numbers, surplus places and financial pressures. Ysgol Ysbyty Ifan has capacity for 40 with 14 pupils; Ysgol Betws y Coed capacity for 100 with 14 attending at the time of consultation. (Nation.Cymru)

? "I just need my home back" — mum's two years in a "rotten" flat

A Cardiff mother says she just wants her home back after living in what she describes as a "rotten" flat for two years. Melinda Ban, 41, and her teenage sons live in a block of flats in Llanishen, Cardiff, where a fire broke out in one apartment in 2024. She says her home suffered water damage resulting in mould and damp, and that she had to replace her children's ruined furniture and bunk-beds: "Their wardrobes were ruined. I had to buy them new beds." Ban owns her flat, but Cardiff council owns the building's lease, which means it is responsible for the land and structure. A council spokesperson said an independent survey did not find structural damp or water penetration, though photographs appear to show mould in the kitchen and bedrooms. (BBC Wales — 06:04 BST)

? Welsh benefit spending rose more slowly than in every English region

Spending on six major benefits has risen more slowly in Wales than in any English region, according to an analysis putting the annual Welsh total at £7.84 billion. The research, published by the TaxPayers' Alliance — a pressure group campaigning for lower taxes and spending cuts — shows annual spending on the six benefits in Wales rising from £6.55bn in the year to February 2024 to £7.84bn in the year to March 2026: a rise of £1.29bn, or 19.8%, against 24.4% across England and Wales. The West Midlands saw the largest increase at 27.3%. The report covers Universal Credit, PIP, Housing Benefit, Disability Living Allowance, Carer's Allowance and

ESA across 575 Westminster constituencies; Swansea West had the highest combined Welsh spending at £357.7m. The group uses the findings to argue for means-testing PIP and restoring the two-child limit on Universal Credit. (Nation.Cymru)

? Monmouthshire flood report urges review of warnings and defences

An investigation into flooding that affected more than 400 homes and businesses has called for a review of severe flood warnings and the protection offered by existing defences. The report, commissioned by Monmouthshire County Council and carried out by JBA Consulting, examines the impact of **Storm Claudia** on communities along the River Monnow in November 2025 — including Monmouth, Skenfrith, Rockfield and Osbaston. It found **233 homes and 109 commercial properties flooded internally**, with another 61 experiencing external flooding. The worst flooding came on 14–15 November, when sustained rain on saturated ground pushed the Monnow to record or near-record levels, overtopping banks and defences. The report recommends Natural Resources Wales review the timing of severe flood warnings across the catchment and calls for a review of Monmouth's defences and the accuracy of current flood maps. (Nation.Cymru — update to the 2 October coverage of the Prince of Wales's visit to the catchment)

? US chicken chain to open its first UK drive-through in Wales tomorrow

Fried chicken chain Slim Chickens will open its first UK drive-through at Broughton Shopping Park on 6 October, as part of expansion plans expected to create up to 1,000 jobs nationwide. Boparan Restaurant Group, which holds the brand's master franchise for the UK and Europe, plans to open between 15 and 20 restaurants across the UK next year — most of them drive-throughs — with each site employing up to 50 people. Managing director Rich Pigott said Broughton was "only the beginning for Slim Chickens drive-throughs in the UK"; the chain's UK estate has already passed 80 restaurants. (Nation.Cymru) *(Context: the same chain's Cardiff St David's branch was reported in the 8 August roundup as having been given a zero hygiene rating before reopening.)*

? Welsh chocolate festival returns to Llanidloes

The Chocolate Festival of Wales / Gŵyl Siocled Cymru returns to Llanidloes for its second year on Saturday 24 October 2026, from 10am. Last year's event drew more than 2,000 visitors for a mix of free and low-cost activities. This year's indoor Chocolate Market will be held at the Minerva Arts Centre, with producers from Bala to Newport, plus tastings, demonstrations, a family screening of *Wonka*, cacao wellbeing sessions and a sustainable chocolate cookery drop-in. (Nation.Cymru)

? Search for a new home for Jonah Jones' wall sculpture

The family and friends of Welsh artist Jonah Jones are seeking a new home for *Y Bont*, a major wall sculpture that has been in storage since 2012. Made from around 800 pieces of Carrara marble and Welsh slate, *Y Bont* was created for Coleg Harlech in 1969–70 and is one of only two surviving large-scale wall sculptures from the later part of Jones's career. It was dismantled in 2012 ahead of a building's demolition and later moved to Lampeter. Scene & Word, the organisation set up to protect and promote his work, is appealing to schools, colleges, museums and other public venues across Wales to display it; plans for a smaller version at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David's Lampeter campus are on hold after changes to the campus's future. (Nation.Cymru)

?? Rebecca Riots-era toll house goes on the market

A Grade II-listed former toll house built nearly 190 years ago to collect fees on one of Wales' early turnpike roads is for sale at £265,000. The Toll House at Woodside, Llanbadoc near Usk, was built in 1837 by the Usk Turnpike Trust when the Usk Bridge was widened. Gatekeepers lived in such houses and collected money from travellers based on vehicle type and cargo. Toll houses became targets during the Rebecca Riots of 1839–44, when the *Merched Beca* attacked tollgates and other symbols of economic hardship — almost 300 attacks were recorded before the unrest ended. (Nation.Cymru)

? Environment & Science

? Welsh technology tested in a Spanish desert ahead of Mars mission

Technology developed at Aberystwyth University is being tested in the Tabernas Desert in south-eastern Spain ahead of a European mission to search for signs of past life on Mars. Researchers from the university's physics and computer science departments are taking part in trials of a prototype of the European Space Agency's **Rosalind Franklin rover**, due to launch in 2028. The dry climate and rocky terrain mimic Martian conditions. Aberystwyth leads development of **Enfys**, an instrument using infrared light to identify minerals, which will work alongside UCL's PanCam panoramic camera system to hunt for clays and other materials formed in the presence of water — which on Earth can preserve organic compounds and hold clues to ancient microbial life. (Nation.Cymru — Dr Helen Miles, Rover Operations Control Centre, Turin)

?? Eryri twinned with a Patagonian national park

A new scheme has twinned an Argentinian national park with one in Wales for the first time — Eryri National Park and Los Alerces in Patagonia. A ceremony at the park's visitor centre in the Andes on Saturday 26 September marked the friendship, with the aim of learning from each other in culture, education, conservation and sustainable tourism. Gwion Elis-Williams, who represented Eryri, said: "Although the two parks are thousands of miles apart, they have more in common than you might expect." (BBC Cymru Fyw)

? Triathlete hospitalised after swimming in "dirty" open water

A Carmarthen triathlete who travels the world to race says chasing his dreams carries serious risk after an event left him "very sick" in hospital. Andrew Jones, who has earned a slot at this month's Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, contracted Campylobacter from polluted open water. He described it as "pretty nasty" and said he felt "really unwell" at home on a Sunday evening. Triathlon Cymru says its Safer Blue Spaces project — the first of its kind — is using small sampling devices on triathletes to test the water and build reliable data on water quality in Wales. (BBC Wales — 4 Oct)

? Health & Features

??? Movember: a third of men in Wales die before 75

More than a third of male deaths in Wales occur before the age of 75, according to a Movember report calling for Wales' first dedicated men's health plan. The charity says where men live, their working lives and access to care all shape how long they live. Its analysis found **6,793 men died before their 75th birthday in Wales in 2024 — 37% of male deaths** — with cancer responsible for 2,098 of those. Premature mortality in Blaenau Gwent is around 60% higher than in Powys, and men in the most deprived communities can expect to live 7.5 years less than those in the least deprived. Suicide is the leading cause of death among men under 50, with males accounting for 77% of deaths in Public Health Wales' suspected-suicide surveillance in 2024/25. The report was launched at the Senedd alongside former Wales footballer John Hartson, broadcaster Matt Johnson and UK Men's Sheds Association chief executive Caroline Ellis; Movember wants a Wales-wide plan covering prevention, earlier diagnosis and support, with clear targets. The Welsh Government said its existing suicide prevention, mental health and cancer strategies already tackle some of the challenges facing men. (Nation.Cymru — Ayesha Ahmed, Movember / BBC Wales — Owain Clarke)

? "My four-year-old's kick probably saved my life"

A Cardiff man discovered he had testicular cancer after his four-year-old son accidentally kicked him in the testicles while they messed around in the garden. Ben Lidgey's testicle felt "like a cricket ball" and was still painful a week later, so he sought medical help — though he admits he was reluctant to see his GP, thinking the problem would go away. Now a Movember ambassador, Lidgey encourages men to check in on their friends and look after each other. (BBC Wales — Owain Clarke)

? The men's football team built to get men talking

As the sun sets over the Menai Strait, a group of men near Bangor play football — with supporting each other off the pitch as much as competing on it the aim. The team was set up by MenTribe, a movement that organises outdoor activities and physical challenges to help men come together and talk openly. "Helping mental health is the most important thing," said Ellis Vaughan Roberts of Llanfairpwll, the team's oldest member at 65. "The boys get an hour out of their lives, which can be hard enough. They get enjoyment and pleasure from talking to each other." (BBC Cymru Fyw)

? Why Wales "punches far above its weight" in acting

Following Matthew Rhys's historic double win at this year's Primetime Emmys, culture writer Chris Bennion returned to the Telegraph to ask why a nation of just over three million "continues to punch far above its weight in the acting world". Bennion — raised in north Wales — lists Richard Burton, Anthony Hopkins, Michael Sheen, Jonathan Pryce, Siân Phillips, Rhys Ifans, Luke Evans, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Ray Milland, Hugh Griffith, Taron Egerton, Stanley Baker, Ioan Gruffudd and Rhys. He credits the eisteddfodau as an "unofficial scouting system for Welsh theatrical talent", noting that Rhys and others such as Iwan Rheon, Bryn Terfel and Burton all performed in them. (Nation.Cymru)

?? Weather

No weather warnings are in force for the UK (BBC Weather, checked 09:20 BST). Cardiff and South East Wales — **today**: light cloud and a gentle breeze, high **19°C**, low **13°C**; **Tuesday** light cloud, light winds, 20/12; **Wednesday** light rain, 16/6; **Thursday** sunny intervals, 15/10; **Friday** light rain, moderate breeze, 18/8; **Saturday** sunny intervals, 16/9; **Sunday** sunny intervals, 17/11;

Monday light rain, 18/12. (BBC Weather — Cardiff forecast, last updated 08:58)

? Quick Summary

- **Top story** — A **murder investigation** is under way in **Prestatyn** after a body was found in a **van set alight on Gas Works Lane** late on Sunday; police are working to identify the person and the identity remains unknown.
- **Sport** — **Elfyn Evans** becomes the **first Welsh world rally champion** and Britain's first in 25 years after **Oliver Solberg crashed** on the final stage in Sardinia; **Wales 0-1 Denmark** (Højlund penalty after a **Danny Ward** error) leaves Wales **third in Group A4**; **Humphries 6-4 Price** in the World Grand Prix final; **Joyciline Jepkosgei** breaks the **Cardiff Half** course record in **1:05:40**.
- **Culture** — **Matthew Rhys** wins **Best Actor at Bafta Cymru** for *The Beast in Me*, with **Mari Grug** and **Carol Vorderman** also honoured and *Madfabulous* blanked despite six nominations; **Mary Hopkin** to receive the **Welsh Music Inspiration Award**; **The Revlon Girl** returns for Aberfan's 60th.
- **Politics/BBC** — **Cymdeithas yr Iaith** demands an urgent meeting over **BBC cuts to Welsh-language programmes** and around 45 posts.
- **Communities** — **Conwy** officers recommend closing **two rural primary schools** despite 600+ objections; a Cardiff mum describes two years in a **"rotten" Llanishen flat** ; Welsh **benefit spending** rose more slowly than in any English region; a **Monmouthshire flood report** on Storm Claudia finds **233 homes** and **109 businesses** flooded; **Slim Chickens** opens the UK's first drive-through in **Broughton tomorrow**.
- **Environment** — **Aberystwyth** tech tested in a Spanish desert for the **Rosalind Franklin Mars rover**; **Eryri** twinned with Patagonia's **Los Alerces**.
- **Health** — **Movember** says **a third of men in Wales die before 75** and calls for a national men's health plan.

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*Method note: compiled in cron mode. SearXNG returned a partially usable mix this morning — the WalesOnline breaking-news live blog and an Al Jazeera Wales page alongside Wikipedia/front-page/TV-schedule noise — so the sweep ran through the Playwright fetch service (192.168.178.100:8090, MarkItDown): 12 index/feed pages (BBC Wales, BBC Wales Politics, BBC Cymru Fyw, Nation.Cymru home/news/sport/culture, GOV.WALES main index, Guardian Wales RSS, BBC Weather and warnings, the WalesOnline live blog) and 54 article pages, all successful except the WalesOnline blog, which returned the Reach consent shell (dropped, no retry). The GOV.WALES main index carried nothing newer than 1 October and the Cymru Fyw/Guardian feeds nothing fresh beyond the items above. De-duplicated against Sunday's Welsh file, this morning's UK file and folder-wide keyword greps (Prestatyn, Slim Chickens, Revlon, Jonah Jones, toll house, MenTribe, Mary Hopkin, Alerces, Wythnos yng Nghymru, Bafta Cymru, Movember, Storm Claudia, Llanishen): dropped as already covered were the **Millar "get on with the day job" speech**, the **FM's devolution "new deal" demand**, **minimum alcohol pricing**, **Saville Roberts' EU call**, the **Cardiff Half preview**, the **Evans WRC title chase** preview, the **baby found on the Menai Strait shoreline appeal**, the **Llanfairfechan crash**, the **greyhound-racing impasse** and last weekend's **URC results**. Stale Nation.Cymru cards were caught by the date sweep and excluded:*

*the sport and culture index pages are still leading on **25–26 September** items (Cardiff Rugby's 150th, Dragons' Benetton draw, Georgia Evans' 50th cap, Lewis Koumas, Wrexham's board change, the Fishguard Moby Dick mural, Nigel Owens' S4C show, Oasis by Candlelight, the Swansea pub and the Aberdare chapel), as are BBC features on **scabies (30 Sep)**, **migraine and PCB blood testing (23–24 Sep)** and the **Bog Grass Moth (30 Sep)**. Where BBC and Cymru Fyw carry the same story (Prestatyn, Evans, Bafta Cymru) it is written up once and tagged to both. One figure is contested: the Cardiff Half men's winner's time is **59:43 per BBC Sport** and **59:34 per Nation.Cymru** — the BBC figure is used above. BBC's Matthew Rhys piece and Nation.Cymru's Bafta and actors items are paired coverage of the same ceremony/feature.*

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